

AFTER 390 MINUTES . . . A RESULT

★ **T**IME finally ran out for weary Wycombe last night . . . after 390 minutes of thrilling Cup football.

Manager Ron Burgess's Eagles triumphed in their own Eyrie before 8,000 Cup-happy fans and now travel to Oxford in the second round.

But what torment they suffered before this strength-sapping saga finally ended, and the amateurs conceded defeat.

Swoop

Bedford went two goals up, were hauled back to 2-2, and when fans of both teams were contemplating yet more extra time the Southern Leaguers swooped for victory.

Wycombe's mascot, a man dressed up like Father Christmas, paraded across the pitch before the game with a sack over his shoulder. It proved to be an unhappy omen. For Wanderers went on to present Bedford with "gift" goals in the fifth and 16th minutes.

So two goals separated these teams for the first time in their four-match serial.

It soon became obvious that last Monday's match in the mud had taken its toll of the Isthmian League amateurs. Blunder No. 1 came from

Fogg's header ends a saga

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unhappy centre half Ian Rundle. As Danny Paton flashed in a header from Chris Riley's centre, **Rundle**, chasing back, headed into his own net past a stranded goalkeeper.

Ten minutes later came blunder No. 2 Dave Spurrock tried a low shot from the left which John Maskell let slip through nervous fingers, and **Chris Riley** was on hand to steer the ball home.

Wycombe's spirits drooped visibly, and when they went off at halftime they looked a beaten and demoralised side. But coach Dave Darvil fired new enthusiasm into his team during the interval and they looked a different side in the second half.

Within 30 seconds they had pulled back one goal. A long ball from Len Worley was picked up by **Tony Horseman**, who shot on the turn to beat Alan Collier in the far corner.

Then hot-shot Horseman silenced the crowd with the equaliser—his 36th goal of the season. Bearded Keith Samuels broke through and his shot cannoned off Collier for Horseman to drive home the rebound then disappear under a frenzy of his own players.

Perfect

The crunch, for Wycombe, came in the 75th minute. Bedford broke down the right and as weary defenders chased him to the by-line, Danny Paton pulled back a perfect centre for **Ron Fogg** to head into a corner.

Bedford. — Collier; Morgan, Skinn, Willis, Collins, Cooley, Spurrock, Paton, Riley, Fogg, Benning.
Wycombe. — Maskell; Beck, Royston, Baker, Rundle, Gale, Worley, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick.